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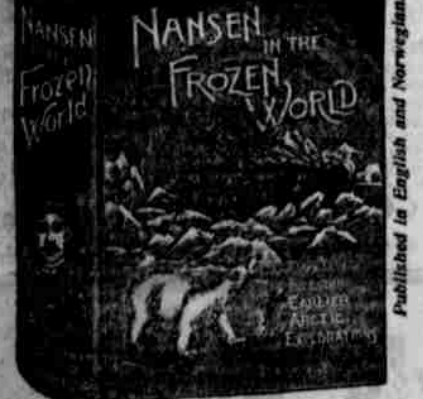


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## STRIKE SITUATION.

NO AGREEMENT YET REACHED BETWEEN OPERATORS AND MINERS.

Haven't So Far Made Much Headway  
—Many Union Chiefs Present at the Wheeling Meeting—Ratchford States the Miners' Case.

Wheeling, W. Va., July 28.—The conference of labor leaders called last week by President M. D. Ratchford, of the United Mine Workers and approved by President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, of which the miners' organization is a part, met here yesterday. The purpose of the conference was to aid in a speedy and successful termination of the great coal strike. Sessions of the conference were held during the day and last night, but until the night session was held little had been accomplished.

**Labor Leaders Who Were Present.**  
The following labor leaders were present: Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor; Frank Morrison, secretary of the federation; M. D. Ratchford, president of the United Mine Workers of America; W. C. Pears, secretary of the miners' organization; P. H. Morrissey, grand master of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen; W. D. Mahon, president of the Street Railway union; James R. Sovereign, president of the Knights of Labor; James H. Sullivan, president of the International Association of Decorators and Painters; J. B. Lennon, president of the Custom Tailors' union; J. F. Mulholland, president of the International Union of Bicycle Workers; Jesse Johnson, president of the International Printing Pressmen's union; Robert Askew, secretary of the Northern Mineral Mine Workers; William McKinney, president of the Painters' union; J. W. Rea, president of the Painters and Decorators' union; G. W. Perkins, president of the International Tobacco Workers' union; Patrick Dolan, president of the Pittsburgh district miners; M. M. Garland, president of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers; C. H. Wilkins, assistant grand chief of the Order of Railway Conductors; F. P. Sargent, grand master of the Brotherhood of Railroad Firemen; Val Fitzpatrick, third vice president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen; T. L. Lewis, secretary of the Ohio Miners' organization; E. V. Debs, former head of the American Railway union; J. Kunzler, secretary of the American Flint Glass Workers' union; W. H. Riley, president of the National Stogie Workers' league; M. P. Carrick, secretary of the painters' organization; P. J. Conaghan, secretary and treasurer of the National Plumbers' and Gas Fitters' union.

**Ratchford States the Situation.**  
At the first session of the conference Samuel Gompers was chosen to preside and Secretary Morrison, also of the federation, was made secretary. Gompers then called upon the miners' representatives to detail the situation. They were also asked to suggest in what manner the other labor organizations could give their aid. Ratchford addressed the conference at some length, stating fully the causes that had led to the suspension of work in the bituminous regions and presenting the condition of the miners who are taking part in the strike. He did not propose anything in the way of recommendations as to what the organized labor of the country should do in aid of the strike, preferring that important subject to be left to the consideration of the conference.

**To Devise a Plan of Campaign.**  
In the course of remarks it was brought out that the miners believe that the hardest fight should be made at the works of the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Coal company (De Armit's mines) in the Pittsburgh district. This was considered fully as important a point as the West Virginia district. At this point a recess was taken. Upon reassembling the conference again took up the strike question, and there were more speeches. The conference was held behind closed doors. At its close it was given out that a committee of five had been appointed to devise a plan for aiding the miners. Telegrams pledging financial aid for the miners were received from nearly all of the heads of organizations who had been unable to attend on account of the short notice. The conference has not yet come to the point of believing it necessary to ask firemen, conductors and brakemen to refuse to haul West Virginia coal.

At the night session of the conference the report of the special committee to devise ways and means to aid the miners was made. The report is an appeal to the country to assist the miners.

## REND KICKS OVER THE TRACKS.

Will Have Nothing to Do with the Meeting of Operators.

Pittsburg, July 28.—Eighty-nine coal company mines located in the Pittsburgh district were represented at the coal operators' uniformity meeting here yesterday. The operators who ship by river and those owning mines in the Westmoreland field were not present. The river operators held a meeting at the coal exchange in the afternoon and decided to take no part in the uniformity movement. No attention was paid to the call by the Westmoreland people. Very little was accomplished at these sessions. The old uniformity agreement with the new clauses inserted was reported on by a committee and the meeting today will take up the agreement by clauses for discussion. Other changes in the conditions since 1896 warrant different provisions, and committees will be appointed to draw up clauses that will cover the points at issue. The only sensational incident of the sessions occurred when Colonel W. P. Rend presented a minority report on the uniformity agreement, denouncing the procedure of the meeting in severe terms and bolting the conference.

When the committee reported the old uniformity agreement with the new clauses and preamble prepared by the visiting arbitrators, the report was read and Captain Steytler moved that it be received and the committee discharged. Rend demanded recognition for the hearing of a minority report. He prefaced the report with a few remarks on what he termed the "bunco" intention of the meeting. Rend said he had been misled by Little as to the purpose of the meeting. He understood that it had been called with a view of hastening a settlement of the strike, and was assured of that at a conference with the general on Monday night. When he got to the meeting he learned that the

strike was not to be taken into consideration or discussed in connection with uniformity.

Colonel Rend took the minority report with him and Chairman Dempsey decided that as Colonel Rend had left the meeting and taken the report with him it was not part of the record of the session and could not be acted upon. W. P. De Armit said he wanted it distinctly understood that the call to adopt uniformity did not have anything to do with the strike, as he did not propose to arbitrate anything while under fire, nor admit that the operators were cowards.

## FARMERS BOUND TO HAVE COAL.

Offer to Protect Men Who Will Dig It for Them.

Moweaqua, Ills., July 28.—The miners were paid off yesterday and told either to load coal for the local trade or take their tools from the shaft. A desperate effort will be made to hoist coal for threshing purposes here. The farmers have offered to protect those willing to work at the risk of their lives. All yesterday farmers came in from the country for coal, only to be disappointed. The crop of oats is very large in this section and is rarely stacked, but threshed at once.

Monday night a large body of Pana and Moweaqua miners, headed by a drum and fife corps, marched on the Assumption shaft and forced the men who were loading coal for the local trade and threshers to cease work. Yesterday morning when the whistle blew not a miner went to work. The farmers are very bitter in their denunciation of the miners, inasmuch as they have contributed to the miners' cause very liberally.

## No Change in West Virginia.

Fairmont, W. Va., July 28.—Men and operators in the Fairmont region await report of the Wheeling conference with anxiety. No new developments are reported in the region, and there was no change of importance anywhere in the state.

## SOME MORE HINSHAW CONFESSION.

Four Men Now Alleged to Be Implicated in His Wife's Murder.

Lafayette, Ind., July 27.—Four men are now alleged to have committed the crime for which Preacher Hinshaw is serving a life sentence in the northern Indiana prison. The confession of Baney, which has been published, is now confirmed by a second confession. The name of the convict making the second confession cannot now be divulged. It graphically recites the scenes of the fateful night, declares that Van Tassel fired the shot which killed Mrs. Hinshaw, and solves the mystery which attached to the finding of a revolver and a pair of trousers which Hinshaw was alleged to have thrown away, and which was used against him with telling effect at his trial.

The attorneys for the defense believe sufficient evidence has been secured to cause Hinshaw's pardon and the conviction of the four men on a charge of murder. Evidence has also come to light of notes, unsigned, which were sent to Baney by two convicts pleading with him to divulge nothing of the crime. The four men will be arrested on their release from prison on the charge of murder, and pending their release redoubled effort will be made to verify the confessions of the two convicts.

## BIG CROWD AT THE RACES.

Twenty-Five Thousand Chicago People See the "Side-Wheel" Champions.

Chicago, July 26.—A combination card, made up of pacing and bicycle races, drew to Washington park course Saturday afternoon a crowd numbering over 25,000 people. In the horse division of the afternoon's sport there was a rather remarkable group of "side-wheelers" with not a trotter among them. No records were broken. Robert J., the first of the pacing aristocracy to come out, was sent a mile in 2:05 1/4. John R. Gentry was sent against the record, 2:06 1/4, made by Johnston to an old-fashioned high-wheeled sulky. He made the mile in 2:05 1/4.

## WOMAN'S STRUGGLE.

All women work. Some in the homes. Some in church, and some in the whirl of society.

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## END OF A NOTABLE CAREER.

Judge Doolittle, Who Was Opposed to Impeaching Johnson, Dead.

Providence, R. I., July 28.—Judge J. R. Doolittle, of Wisconsin, is dead. The end came at 9:50 a. m. yesterday, and had been expected for several days. His affliction was Bright's disease. He was 82 years old, being a native of New York. He was the son of Reuben Doolittle, a prosperous farmer-merchant of Genesee county, and was the eldest of six children. He studied for the bar and began the practice thereof at Warsaw, N. Y., moving later to the west. He soon entered politics and was elected district attorney of Wyoming county, N. Y. Upon taking up his residence at Racine, Wis., in 1851 he ran for circuit judge and was elected, resigning in 1856 to devote himself to his private law practice.

In 1847 he introduced into the Democratic convention the famous "cornerstone" resolution, upon which the free-soil party was organized and upon which Martin Van Buren made his campaign in 1848. Opposed to slavery, he left the Democratic party, becoming one of the founders of the Republican party. He was elected to the United States senate from Wisconsin Jan. 23, 1857. In 1863 he was re-elected. In 1865 he became offended at the policy of the Republicans and left the party, but retained his seat in the senate, although his constituents asked for his resignation.

In 1871 he was defeated as Democratic candidate for governor. In 1886 he ran for congress in the First district and was defeated. Of late years he had practiced law in Chicago, residing with his daughter, Mrs. Prindell, of Racine.

## POWDERLY GETS THE PLACE.

Appointed Immigration Commissioner—Indiana Man for Bowler's Job.

Washington, July 27.—The president has decided to appoint Hon. Robert J. Tracewell, of Indiana, for the position of comptroller of the treasury. President McKinley, realizing the important questions coming up for decision in the comptroller's office, has been giving the matter of the selection of an appointee considerable attention, and finally concluded to give the place to Tracewell. The appointment, it is said at the White House, is entirely one of merit, Tracewell being selected because of his fine legal attainments.

The position has been vacant since the retirement of Comptroller Bowler on the 1st inst. Tracewell is a native of Virginia, but in early life moved with his parents to Indiana, where he has since resided.

The recess appointment of T. V. Powderly as commissioner general of immigration was signed by the president yesterday afternoon. Powderly's nomination for that office failed of confirmation in the senate because of the opposition to him on the part of labor organizations.

## Gladstone and Wife Celebrate.

London, July 27.—Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone Sunday celebrated the fifty-eighth anniversary of their wedding. Many visitors joined in the family rejoicing at Hawarden, and scores of the townspeople saluted the venerable couple while on their way to church. Both are in excellent health, Mr. Gladstone walking off with as much vigor as at any time in the last ten years, shaking hands energetically and conversing with great animation.

## Terrible Theater Panic.

Paducah, Ky., July 24.—The Casino Theater building burned last night. The fire originated on the stage. Six hundred people were panic-stricken and about 200 injured. Three children are missing, supposed to have perished in the flames.

## Remitted an Embezzler's Fine.

Washington, July 27.—The president has remitted the fine in the case of Addie B. Holland, sentenced in Michigan, November, 1895, to two years' imprisonment and \$250 fine for embezzling postoffice funds.

## Doctor's Wife Shoots Herself.

Oskaloosa, Ia., July 28.—The wife of Dr. Steve Todd, of Wright, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by shooting herself in the head with an old army musket. The supposed cause is religious mania.

## THE MARKETS.

### Chicago Grain and Produce.

Chicago, July 27.  
Following were the quotations on the Board of Trade today: Wheat—July, opened 77 1/2c, closed 78 1/2c; September, opened 73c, closed 73 1/2c; December, opened 74 1/2c, closed 74 1/2c. Corn—September, opened 25 1/2c, closed 25 1/2c; December, 27 1/2c, closed 28 1/4c; May, opened 26 1/2c, closed 26 1/2c. Oats—September, opened 17 1/2c, closed 17 1/2c; May, opened 20 1/2c, closed 20 1/2c. Pork—September, opened \$17.70, closed \$17.70; October, opened and closed \$17.60. Lard—September, opened \$4.23 1/2, closed \$4.20; October, opened \$4.25, closed \$4.25.  
Produce: Butter—Extra creamery, 14 1/2c per lb; extra dairy, 12c; fresh packing stock, 8c. Eggs—Fresh stock, 9 1/2c per dozen. Live Poultry—Turkeys, 70c per lb; chickens, 7 1/2c; spring, 90c; ducks, 60c. New potatoes, \$1.75 to \$1.90 per bbl. Blackberries—Early harvest, 50¢ per 16-qt. case. Raspberries—Red, 50¢ per 24-pt. case; black, 40¢ per 16-qt. case.

### Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, July 27.  
Hogs—Estimated receipts for the day, 15,000; sales ranged at \$2.50 to \$3.90 for pigs, \$3.65 to \$3.90 for light, \$3.35 to \$3.60 for rough packing, \$3.60 to \$3.55 for mixed and \$3.60 to \$3.75 for heavy packing and shipping lots. Cattle—Estimated receipts for the day, 4,000; quotations ranged at \$4.95 to \$5.25 for choice to extra shipping steers, \$4.40 to \$4.90 good to choice do., \$4.20 to \$4.65 fair to good, \$3.50 to \$4.40 common to medium do., \$3.90 to \$4.15 butchers' steers, \$3.25 to \$3.90 stockers, \$3.70 to \$4.25 feeders, \$1.90 to \$3.90 cows, \$2.60 to \$4.20 heifers, \$2.25 to \$3.90 bulls, oxen and stags, \$2.75 to \$4.20 Texas steers, and \$3.25 to \$5.90 veal calves. Sheep and Lambs—Estimated receipts for the day, 11,000; quotations ranged at \$2.75 to \$4.00 westerns, \$2.70 to \$3.50 Texans, \$2.35 to \$4.00 natives, and \$2.25 to \$5.60 lambs.

### Milwaukee Grain.

Milwaukee, July 27.  
Wheat—Higher; No. 1 northern, 82c; No. 2 spring, 79 1/2c; December, 75 1/2c. Corn—Higher; No. 3, 26¢ to 26 1/2c. Oats—Steady; No. 2 white, 21 1/2c to 22c. Rye—Firm; No. 1 35c.

### St. Louis Grain.

St. Louis, July 27.  
Wheat—Higher; No. 2 red cash elevator, 76c; track, 76 1/2c to 77c; No. 2 hard cash, 73c bid; September, 75 1/2c. Corn—Higher; No. 2 cash, 25 1/2c bid; September, 25 1/2c bid. Oats—Dull; No. 2 cash and September, 17 1/2c bid. Rye—Firm; 80c bid.

### Detroit Grain.

Detroit, July 27.  
Wheat—Cash white, 76c bid; cash red, 76c bid; July, 76c bid; September, 76 1/2c.

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